IN THE CLAIMS:

1.   (Currently Amended) A print auditing network, comprising:

a client that originates a print job for printing, the print job including parametric data associated with the print job, wherein the parametric data is included in a header associated with the print job;

a printer in data communication with the client that is employed to print the print job, the print job being transmitted from the client to the printer;

a print job aggregator in data communication with the client and the printer;

a client agent executed in the client to provide a first report of the parametric data associated with the print job to the print job aggregator by transmitting a copy of the header of the print job to the print job aggregator before the print job is transmitted from the client to the print server; ~~and~~

a print agent executed in the printer to provide a second report of the parametric data associated with the print job to the print job aggregator after the print job is finished printing by transmitting the header to the print job aggregator after the print job is finished printing, where the print job aggregator stores the first and second reports of the parametric data in a memory;

a print server in data communication with the client, the printer and the print job aggregator; and

a print server agent executed in the print server to provide a third report of the parametric data associated with the print job to the print job aggregator by

transmitting a copy of the header to the print job aggregator before the print job is transmitted to the printer.

2. – 4. (Cancelled)

5.   (Currently Amended) The print auditing network of claim 4 1, wherein a globally unique identifier is associated with each of the first, second, and third reports of the parametric data and the globally unique identifier is the same in the first, second and third reports.

6.   (Cancelled)

7.   (Currently Amended) The print auditing network of claim 6 7, wherein:

the client agent is further configured to update the parametric data in the header of the print job;

the printer server is further configured to update the parametric data in the header of the print job; and

the printer agent is further configured to update the parametric data in the header of the print job.

8.   (Currently Amended) A method for auditing a print job within a network, the method comprising:

originating a print job in a client to be printed;

associating parametric data with the print job, the parametric data describing the print job;

including parametric data in a header associated with the print job;

transmitting a first report of the parametric data from the client to a print job aggregator by transmitting a copy of the header of the print job from the client to the print job aggregator;

transmitting the print job from the client to a printer;

printing the print job in the printer; ~~and~~

transmitting a second report of the parametric data from the printer to the print job aggregator after the print job is printed by the printer by transmitting a copy of the header of the print job to the print job aggregator;

transmitting the print job from the client to a print server that is in data communication with the client;

transmitting the print job from the print server to the printer that is in data communication with the print server; and

transmitting a third report of the parametric data from the print server to the print job aggregator by transmitting a copy of the header of the print job from the print server to the print job aggregator; wherein

the first report of parametric data, the second report of parametric data, and the third report of parametric data include the same globally unique identifier.

9.   (Original) The method of claim 8, further comprising updating the parametric data of the print job in the printer during printing.

10.   (Cancelled)

11.   (Cancelled)

12.   (Cancelled)

13.   (Cancelled)

14.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~13~~ 8, further comprises recording the use of consumables employed in the printing of a document of the print job prior to transmitting the second report of the parametric data to the print job aggregator.

15. – 24.   (Canceled)

25.   (Currently Amended) A print auditing network, comprising:

a client that originates a print job for printing, the print job including parametric data associated with the print job, wherein the parametric data is included in a header associated with the print job;

a printer in data communication with the client that is employed to print the print job, the print job being transmitted from the client to the printer;

a print job aggregator in data communication with the client and the printer;

means in the client for providing a first report of the parametric data associated with the print job to the print job aggregator by transmitting a copy of the header of the print job to the print job aggregator before the print job is transmitted from the client to the print server; and

means in the printer for providing a second report of the parametric data associated with the print job to the print job aggregator after the print job is finished printing by transmitting the header to the print job aggregator after the print job is finished printing, where the print job aggregator stores the first and second reports of the parametric data in a memory;

a print server in data communication with the client, the printer and the print job aggregator; and

means in the print server for providing a third report of the parametric data associated with the print job to the print job aggregator by transmitting a copy of the header of the print job from the print server to the print job aggregator; wherein

the first report of parametric data, the second report of parametric data, and the third report of parametric data include the same globally unique identifier.

26. – 29.   (Cancelled)